

The Kyries: (at the said Masses)

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When sung at SMSG: (Page 1 of Mass Setting)

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The Gloria in excelsis is omitted during Lent.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading Joel 2:12-18

(Old Testament Page 764 in the Bibles) reminds us of the purpose of Lent and of the lenten observances. What God calls for from us is a genuine repentance which consists in a change of heart, sorrow for sin which leads us to turn away from it.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 51)

**R/. Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. ®

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned:
what is evil in your sight I have done. ®

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. ®

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. ®

The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

(New Testament Page 152 in the Bibles) tells us that the death of Christ has restored us to God's friendship. But that this may benefit us we must be sorry for our sins and seek God's forgiveness. The Church has the task of preaching God's mercy at all times.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today, harden not your hearts,
but listen to the voice of the Lord.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

(KNEEL)

When said:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

When sung at SMSG: (Page 8 of Mass Setting)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Bread of Life, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Cup of Hope, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Word of Love, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold Him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

An antiphon and/or hymns may be sung quietly
as the people reverently receive Holy Communion.

**And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our mis-usings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.**

**And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.**

**And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part from thee.**

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**Blessed Jesu, Mary's son,
For mankind to earth thou camest,
But the saving battle won,
Now at God's right hand thou reignest:
On thy people pour thy blessing,
Gathered here, thy name confessing.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond:
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

When said, and at All Saints:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

When sung at SMSG: (Page 5 of Mass Setting)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:
**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed.

At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest:for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer: (STAND)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

(New Testament Page 5 in the Bibles) reminds us that if our religion is genuine then such religious exercises as prayer, fasting and alms-giving will be done without ostentation.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Penitential Rite

Priest: Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, If you love me, keep my commandments; happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Hear then these commandments which God has given to his people and take them to heart.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and mother. Live as servants of God; honour one another; love the fellowship.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder. Be reconciled to your neighbour; overcome evil with good.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal. Be honest in all you do and care for those in need.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Silence is observed.

Make our hearts clean, O God;

All: and renew a right spirit within us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

The priest joins his hands and says:

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask our Father
to bless these ashes which we will use
as the mark of our repentance.

Silence is observed

O God, who desire not the death of sinners,
but their conversion,
mercifully hear our prayers
and in your kindness be pleased
to bless ✠ these ashes,
which we intend to receive upon our heads,
that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes
and shall return to dust,
may, through a steadfast observance of Lent,
gain pardon for our sins and newness of life
after the likeness of your Risen Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

The priest sprinkles the ashes with Holy Water in silence. The Priest then places the ashes on those who come forward, saying to each:

Repent, and believe in the gospel.

or

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

Meanwhile the following antiphon may be sung responsorially after verses of Psalm 51:

**Come back to the Lord with all your heart;
leave the past in ashes,
and turn to God with tears and fasting,
for he is slow to anger and ready to forgive.**

Responsory

Direct our hearts to better things, O Lord;
heal our sin and ignorance.
Lord, do not face us suddenly with death,
but give us time to repent.

Turn to us with mercy, Lord; we have sinned against you.

Help us, God our saviour,
rescue us for the honour of your name.

Turn to us with mercy, Lord; we have sinned against you.

After the Imposition of Ashes the priest cleanses his hands; the Rite concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful. (The Profession of Faith is not said).

The Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: My brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Lord for courage to give up distractions and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

Intercessor: Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to the mission of Christ the Redeemer. (*We pray for Jonathan our bishop and . . .*) May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

V/. Lord, meet us in the silence:

R/. **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. (*We pray for . . .*) May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighbourhoods and communities. (*We pray for . . .*) May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. (*We pray for ...Fiddy Abraham, Gerry Bonner, Shirley Brown, Steve Cooper, Larry Francis, Jane Holman, Terry Mason, Sue Maton, Pete, Ron Smart, Tony Oakley, Wendy...*) May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence be with them.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. (*We pray for...Henry Blake, Muriel Francis, Eileen Haseldine, Cyril Millward, Betty Spicer... and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week...26th Sarah Shillingford; 27th Ellen Baker, Charles Tracey; 28th Ann Gent, Florence Hayle; 1st March Ernest Healey, Russell Poppleton, Fred Briggs, Margaret Stirling, Bertha Humphreys; 2nd Michael Whetstone; 3rd William Smith, Edward Eglesfield, Norman Gascoine; 4th Cecil Powell, Frederick Coats, Stella Willson....*) May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Lord, meet us in the silence:

**give us strength and hear our prayer,
here and in eternity. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**O kind Creator, bend Thine ear
To mark the cry, to know the tear
Before Thy throne of mercy spent
In this Thy holy fast of Lent.**

**Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee;
Thou knowest our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek Thy face
Abundance of Thy pardoning grace.**

**Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;
And for the honour of Thy Name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.**

**Give us the self control that springs
From discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward secretly
The soul may purely dwell with Thee.**

**We pray Thee, Holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence.**

If the hymn has finished before the priest has offered the Gifts of Bread and Wine, please join in the response to the prayers:

Blessed be God for ever.

While many people habitually stand to sing the hymn as the Altar and the Gifts are prepared it is customary to remain seated and then to STAND for:

Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**